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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A European Search Report dated August 4, 2008 that issued in a European Patent Application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstracts, and/or from the citation of the documents in the attached

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European Search Report dated August 4, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists

and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitutes

"prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior

art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant

facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should the documents be applied

against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and

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No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR**

EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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